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FARM AND STATION.

WILD DOG PEST.

The Government may be depended upon to show a sympathetic attitude towards the request of lessees in the north-west for assistance against the wild dog pest. This question is of such serious import in the country concerned that, unless the present position is improved, a large area of country now running sheep will be given over to cattle, and, perhaps, larger areas not carrying sheep will be taken up at all. Present agricultural standard thus will be a retrogressive step, and one entirely unwelcome. There is a dog-proof fence along the South Australian border, and also running along the Queensland border for some 100 miles is another dog-proof fence. From that the fence is only rabbit-proof, and the wild dogs, tilting like mad, will walk round the end of the dog-proof fence and run over the country to the south. An area of about 10,000,000 acres of leasehold country is infested, and the losses are most severe. A dog will kill 20 or 30 sheep in one morning, and it is stated that on one property some 12,000 sheep were killed in one year. Consequently the owners have given up sheep for cattle, and as a result the dogs are working lower down. The section of the Wild Dog Bill introduced by Mr. Hobson, an orchardist on the Allum River, which joins the Paterson River near Launceston, is an early plum of rich colour, a vigorous grower, and a good keeper, being ready about the middle of November. Wickens are good this year, and the large orange is also well. Alberta peaches are plentiful, and, as usual, of rich colour. Of early varieties Red May and Bell's November are perhaps the best on the Paterson, and of others, Ruby Rose, copper, and of nice flavour. Prinsep and Royal Riverslip and cinglenton are favourites. Nectarines are good, and Lord Napier and Duffy's seedling gave some fine fruit. There has been a peach and plum year, although hailing and brown roses have claimed a share of the crop. The "Tuck" of Paterson is a fine crop of peaches. The "Wilde" is a peach of great triumph being loaded with fruit. Pears are being picked now and stored in long trays to mature, being ready for market in about six weeks.

If similarly treated, the hedges will be thoroughly soaked with the poisoned water, nor will birds or insects be attracted to it, but it is best to use a wire-mesh cage.

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FRUIT ON THE PATERSON.

The crop of summer fruit this year in the latest and ample rainfall districts has been a success resulting in an unusually prolific orchard. The fruit is as far as possible orchardised, and as far as possible the crop. Nevertheless, many plum and peach trees are still bearing a great weight of fruit, with the result that there are instances, especially with Japanese plums, that fruit is rather small. This is a bad fault this year, when taken into account the choice consignments are regarded as the best. However, taking the average of the season, the crop is not one, the greatest fault being that the fruit has not, owing to the great rain, its usual good keeping. Japanese plums are very prolific, and this year is no exception, especially when well ripened. One of the best early plums is this, and the Dungog district is Hobson's seedling, which appears to be a cross between a cherry plum and Japanese. This is a great fruit, and Mr. Hobson, an orchardist on the Allum River, which joins the Paterson River near Launceston, is an early plum of rich colour, a vigorous grower, and a good keeper, being ready about the middle of November. Wickens are good this year, and the large orange is also well. Alberta peaches are plentiful, and, as usual, of rich colour. Of early varieties Red May and Bell's November are perhaps the best on the Paterson, and of others, Ruby Rose, copper, and of nice flavour. Prinsep and Royal Riverslip and cinglenton are favourites. Nectarines are good, and Lord Napier and Duffy's seedling gave some fine fruit. There has been a peach and plum year, although hailing and brown roses have claimed a share of the crop. The "Tuck" of Paterson is a fine crop of peaches. The "Wilde" is a peach of great triumph being loaded with fruit. Pears are being picked now and stored in long trays to mature, being ready for market in about six weeks.

PARRAMATTA ORCHARD NOTES.

Reports still come in regarding the failure of the fruitgrowers to realise on their export. It was confidently expected that with the return of the market, better and fairer conditions prevailed that the mid-season fruit crop would improve, as far as keeping qualities concerned, and that all the fruit marketable would be required by the retailers or the jam factories. True, the fruit did improve somewhat. It was not quite so good as last year, but it was well ripened, and prices failed to rise. The result is that the glut became even more pronounced. Not only in this market were the prices very low, but in other markets, especially those of the growers who ventured to exploit the other States with what they considered prime fruit. The Minister was informed of the return of the retail trade, and asked to give the go-ahead for the extension of the Queensland fence dog-proof as a national work. 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MARRIAGES.

BETH—BROOKFIELD—December 8, 1916, at the Great Synagogue, Harold Brookfield, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo, and Miss Ethel Bryan, daughter of the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brookfield, Sydney.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

BYRON—Private Cora, Byron, killed in action in France December 28, 1916, deeply beloved wife of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Byron, of a son (John) and a daughter (Ethel), and beloved brother of Mrs. Thomas, James, John, and Ethel Bryan.

NADIN—Private Leslie H. F. Nadin, died January 4, 1917, Corporal Leslie H. F. Nadin, aged 21 years, of the 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, serving in France.

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Progress has been made by the British forces in Mesopotamia.

WESTERN FRONT.

ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

ENEMY ATTACK REPULSED.

LONDON, Jan. 22. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting last night, said: "We successfully raided trenches this morning south-east of Loos, and bombed and destroyed dugouts full of Germans, inflicting many casualties. We entered German lines last night north of Neuve Chapelle. The enemy's artillery has been active at Rancourt, Bapaume, Serre, and Ypres. We effectively bombarded the St. Pierre Vaast, Gommecourt, Arras, and Armentières regions."

The latest French communiques state: North of the Somme, in the region of Mont St. Quentin, our artillery caught many troops on the march. On the right bank of the Meuse, in the sectors of Varennes, Chambres, and Cauchies Wood, there has been great reciprocal artillery fire. We carried out a successful counter-attack towards Soissons.

An earlier French communiqué stated: A German attack in the direction of Cannery-sur-Metz in the Lassay region, was easily repulsed. We took prisoners.

ROUMANIAN CAMPAIGN.

ENEMY CLAIMS SUCCESS.

(Admiralty per Wireless Press.) The latest German official report states: We captured on Friday, in addition to Maestricht, the whole bridgehead. We stormed several lines, capturing the town after a violent struggle. The Russians were thrown back across the Scheldt. The bridge was severely damaged by our fire. We took 556 prisoners.

BLOCKADING BRITAIN.

SHIPMASTERS' FEARS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. A telegram from Petrograd announces that Prince Galitzin, the Prime Minister, promises that the meeting of the Duma will not be further postponed, but with remarkable unanimity the Press denounces the delay and calls attention to M. Protopopoff's close association with the Metropolitan of Petrograd, a notorious supporter of Rasputin, the mystic monk who recently met his death under tragic circumstances.

NATIONAL SERVICE.

GREAT SUSTAINED EFFORT.

LONDON, Jan. 21. Colonel Sir Neville Chamberlain, addressing a meeting at Birmingham, said: "The question whether we are to win or not is the question whether we are to be victorious next spring or are compelled to endure a fourth winter of hostilities depends, perhaps, on what we do in the next few weeks. The enemy is like a great bulldog in a bulldog. We have undermined it with pick and shovel. If we only apply one great sustained effort we can send it rolling down the hill. Undoubtedly there will be compulsory national service if voluntary service is inadequate."

BATTLE IN A SANDSTORM.

REBELS DEFEATED IN TRIPOLI.

LONDON, Jan. 21. An Italian communiqué states: We fought up to the fleeing Tripolitan rebels, who we punished severely on the 10th last, and defeated them after a fierce three hours' battle in a sandstorm. It is believed that the rebel losses in the two days were 820 killed and 1,300 wounded.

MILITARY MEDALS.

LONDON, Jan. 22. Eighty-four military medals have been awarded to Australians and seven to New Zealanders. Corporal D. A. Alfie, of the Australian Trench Mortar Battery, Sergeant D. Allen, of the Australian Infantry, and Driver Hellstrom, of the Australian Army, have been awarded bars to their medals.

VIOLENT WARFARE.

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GREAT PREPARATIONS.

LONDON, Jan. 22. The Amsterdam correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle" reports: Reliable news from Germany states that when her naval and military preparations are complete Germany will suddenly revive widespread and most violent warfare. Her large new armies and numerous new submarines will soon be ready, and there will probably be a new outbreak of "rightfulness" within a month.

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GREEK SHIPS.

BRITAIN MAY TAKE OVER.

THE ALLIES' DEMANDS.

LONDON, Jan. 22. The "Daily Chronicle" correspondent at Athens says the newspapers discuss and oppose the proposal for the taking over of the Greek mercantile marine above 4,000 tons by Great Britain, as this would involve two-thirds of the Greek shipping. Discontent is expressed at the amount of the indemnity in case of loss, owing to many ships having been bought at enhanced prices. The Government has not yet received details of the British demand. Other correspondents state that the scheme enables Greece to retain sufficient tonnage to meet the England's necessities. It is understood that England offers 30s per ton per month, calculating the tonnage on the basis of the weight of a loaded ship. The vessels are to be taken over until six months after the war. It is indicated that if the owners are not willing to accept, the ships will be commanded at less favourable rates.

The Entente Powers are satisfied that the Greeks are loyally carrying out the Allies' demands, and are transferring material and munitions to the *helleneos*. A fortnight's grace.

SCENES AT HOSPITALS.

ATHENS, Jan. 22. Saturday began the fortnight's grace for the removal of troops and material. Only 3,000 troops will be allowed to remain north of the isthmus. It is expected that all the artillery will be removed within a week.

MESOPOTAMIA.

BRITISH PROGRESS.

LONDON, Jan. 22. A British official report states: We have driven out the enemy from the area north-east of Kut-el-Amara, and now hold the trench system along a front of 2,500 yards, and a depth of 100 yards. We cleared the enemy on the right bank of the Tigris from Kut-el-Amara downstream, and made further progress against trenches on the right bank south-west of Kut-el-Amara.

RUSSIAN DUMA.

NEW PREMIER'S POLICY.

LONDON, Jan. 21. The "Daily Chronicle" correspondent at Petrograd says the postponement of the reopening of the Duma from January 25 till February 27 has aroused disappointment. The official explanation that the new Cabinet required more time to formulate its policy is discredited. It is pointed out that M. Trotski interrupted the session of the Duma for 10 days, in order to define his policy, whereas Prince Galitzin is taking six weeks.

PRINCE GALITZIN'S PROMISE.

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FRENCH BOXER.

KILLED WHILE FLYING.

LONDON, Jan. 21. Bernard, the French middleweight champion, was killed while practising flying.

SPANISH SUBMARINE.

MADRID, Jan. 21. The Minister of Marine states that the submarine Isaac Peral will shortly arrive from America is a career. The submarine is still in America.

SWISS SITUATION.

ZURICH, Jan. 21. The Baden newspaper publish a note of warning to the population against the rumours regarding Swiss mobilisation. Punishment is threatened talkative persons who are creating uneasiness.

VESSELS SUNK.

LONDON, Jan. 21. Lloyd's report that the British steamer National Court, 3,295 tons, the Spanish steamer Parahyba, 2,337 tons, and the small Norwegian steamers Ap and Marietta di Goretto, have been sunk.

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COPENHAGEN, Jan. 21. The Norwegian Parliament has appointed a committee of two Liberals, three Conservatives, and four Socialists to assist in the carrying out of Norway's foreign policy.

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DOUBLE LIST ISSUED.

154 MEN KILLED.

The 26th and 26th lists of Australian casualties were made available yesterday. Nearly 100 men (from all States) have returned to duty. The deaths reported total 154. Details are:

(Officers, Other)
Killed in action 9
Drowned 2
Died of other causes 1
Wounded 22
Missing 24
Injured 1
Prisoners of war 67
Total casualties 771

NEW SOUTH WALES.

PRISONER OF WAR.

RETURNED TO DUTY.

Lieut.-Colonel G. M. N. ONSLOW, Camden.
Capt. A. C. THOMPSON, Petersham.
Capt. E. T. MANFIELD, Wallend.
Lieut. W. H. ARNOTT, Homebush.
Lieut. R. K. HARRIS, Homebush.
Lieut. R. H. BURTON, Homebush.
Lieut. R. H. CHALMERS, Liverpool.
Lieut. R. H. HENKINSON, Kilburn.
Lieut. R. H. HUMPHRIES, Marrickville.
Lieut. R. H. HUMPHRIES, Marrickville (severely).
Capt. J. CLARKE, Leeton (second occasion, ser.).

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KILLED IN ACTION.

Capt. G. A. SMITH, Balmain.
Lieut. G. A. SMITH, Balmain, Canterbury.
Lieut. W. H. WADE, Balmain.
Lieut. R. T. WILSON, Wollongong (Vic.).
Capt. W. V. MCGARRY, Dargan.
Capt. A. G. LUCAS, Campbell.
Capt. H. W. DIBBLE, Paddington.
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Capt. W. H. NEWTON, Orange.
Capt. P. A. ADAMS, Leichhardt.
Capt. H. W. HUMPHRIES, Marrickville.
Capt. E. J. DAWKINS, York (W.A.).
Capt. G. COOTER, Warragul (Vic.).
Capt. A. E. RAYNER, Scotland.
Capt. A. H. HILLERY, Sydney (over, rep. missing).
Capt. A. SMITH, Balmain.
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Capt. H. G. ROBERTSON, Warragul.
Capt. G. V. LOVE, Manly.
Capt. H. W. HUMPHRIES, Marrickville.
Capt. R. V. ASHTON, Bay.
Capt. J. COCHRAN, Kurri Kurri.
Capt. J. COCHRAN, Scotland.
Lieut.-Capt. A. L. DOWDING, Edwardsdale (S.A.).

DIED OF WOUNDS.

Capt. J. P. O'NEILL, West Maitland.
Capt. J. H. M. LORRY, Hornsby.
Capt. R. B. BURNS, Chatswood.
Capt. A. C. CLARK, England.
Capt. D. KELLY, W. W. Wyndham.
Capt. R. YOUNG, W. W. Wyndham.
Capt. M. E. DOYLE, Lakemba.
Capt. G. WOOD, England.
Capt. L. H. F. NADIN, Marrickville.
Capt. J. MCMILLAN, Scotland.
Capt. T. BROWNE, England.
Capt. E. A. MCGREGOR, Crows Nest.

DIED, OTHER CAUSES.

Pte. N. H. BETTS, Balmain.
Pte. S. MOYLAN, Manly.
Pte. A. S. CANN, Crows Nest (whilst prison of war).
Pte. W. T. ADDIN, Ryde.
Pte. H. C. COOPER, Liverpool.
Pte. R. R. MARIA, Jamestown, S.A.
Pte. R. YOUNG, W. W. Wyndham.
Pte. W. H. HUMPHRIES, Marrickville.
Pte. M. E. HOBSON, Scone.
Pte. R. H. MCKEE, Newnes (over).
Pte. E. H. MCKENZIE, Inverell.
Pte. G. G. HOUSE, England.
Pte. J. T. MCGOWAN, Crows Nest.
Pte. E. A. MCINTOSH, Crows Nest.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Sgt. E. M. G. E. SHEPHERD, Singleton.

MISSING.

Capt. A. J. GOODMAN, Pyrmont.
Pte. G. F. MOIR, Balmain (and wounded).
WOUNDED.

Capt. T. E. W. IRWIN, Dargan (over, rep. ill).
Capt. E. D. BORDELLON, Paddington.
Capt. R. H. MILLER, Wollongong.
Lieut. N. A. HODGSON, Bexley.
Capt. J. H. M. LORRY, Hornsby (over).
Capt. C. H. HARRIS, Tamworth.
Lieut.-Capt. N. R. SHELLEY, Gledhill.
Capt. R. H. HUMPHRIES, Marrickville (over).
Lieut.-Capt. W. H. HUMPHRIES, Marrickville (over).
Capt. R. H. BROWN, Miller's Point (over).
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Lieut.-Capt. G. F. HOUSE, England (over, rep. ill).
Capt. J. LEAFY, Canada.

Lieut.-Capt. E. A. RANALD, Gledhill (and ret. to duty).
Capt. P. A. GRAHAM, Warragul (over).
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Capt. W. P. HIRSH, Paddington (over).
Capt. G. D. BYHAL, Paddington (over).
Capt. G. J. MATTHEWS, Crows Nest (shell shock).
Capt. M. R. SCULLY, Paddington (over).
Capt. P. S. JOHNSON, Balmain (and ret. to duty).
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